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Sunday Liturgy:
Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Bulletin Announcements

Please email any announcements to bulletin@olbh.org by noon on Tuesday for the following weekend bulletin.

Call to Prayer

In this Year of Faith, the Catholic Bishops of the United States have called for a nationwide effort to advance a movement for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty through prayer, penance, and sacrifice. Catholics across the nation are being encouraged to pray for rebuilding a culture favorable to life and marriage and for increased protections of religious liberty.

This call to prayer is prompted by unprecedented challenges to the Church and the nation, particularly the HHS Mandate and current trends in government and culture toward redefining marriage.

The goal of this call to prayer is twofold: (1) to increase awareness of these challenges and (2) to build spiritual stamina and fortitude among the faithful so that we can be effective and joyful witnesses of faith, hope, and charity and agents of the New Evangelization.

Beginning on the Feast of the Holy Family, the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty has five components:

- Monthly Eucharistic Holy Hours in parishes
- Daily Rosary by families and individuals
- Special Prayers of the Faithful at all Masses
- Fasting and abstinence from meat on Fridays
- A Fortnight for Freedom in June/July 2013

Join the movement!
Pray for our nation. Pray for life, marriage and religious liberty.
www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty

Our Lady of the Black Hills will pray a Holy Hour this **Sunday after 9 AM Mass**. The next Eucharistic Holy Hour will be 6:30 PM Wednesday, January 23.

Please consider how you and your family will enter more deeply into a spirit of prayer. We often spend so much energy talking about the problems of society, but how much time is devoted to prayer? The practice of praying for our leaders is rooted in St. Paul's writing who said, *"Pray . . . for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity"* (1 Tim. 2:2).

Peace in Christ, Fr. Steve

OLBH Parish News

OLBH Volunteer Appreciation Party!

Calling all OLBH Volunteers! Mark your calendars for the annual OLBH Volunteer Appreciation Party! **Friday, January 4th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** You are all, **children & adults,** invited to join us for food and fellowship as we celebrate all you do for our Church and community!

First Reconciliation Retreat

The First Reconciliation retreat will be held on **Sunday, January 6th from 10:15am-2:30pm** in the church basement. This retreat is for the child preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation and their parents. **Please bring your child's purple Reconciliation book.** Lunch will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Chad & Jana Thies.

Year of Faith Presentation at Cathedral

Matthew Kelly, internationally known and highly respected author of Rediscover Catholicism and several CDs will be giving a Every Day Living with Passion and Purpose day long retreat at the Cathedral on Jan. 26. Mark your calendars! Mr. Kelly's message fits well with the Year of Faith. For more information, contact the Parish Office. Check out the web at http://dynamiccatholic.com/passion-purpose-events

December 31st & January 1st
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

	Monday Dec 31st **5:00 pm**	**Tuesday January 1st** **9:00 am**
Altar Servers	Morgan Sears Delainey Kronmiller Rileigh Kronmiller	**NEEDED** **NEEDED** **NEEDED**
Precious Body **Precious Blood**	Marlys Sears **NEEDED** **NEEDED** **NEEDED** **NEEDED**	**NEEDED** **NEEDED** **NEEDED** **NEEDED** **NEEDED**
Lectors	Joni Osnes **NEEDED**	**NEEDED** **NEEDED**
Sacristans	Craig Thompson Cindy Thompson	**NEEDED**
Greeters	**NEEDED** **NEEDED**	**NEEDED** **NEEDED**

- ***As you can see, we are still in need of quite a few people to help at the Solemnity of Mary Masses. If you are available to fill an empty spot, please check in with the Sacristan before the Mass you will be at.***

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

December 31st, 2012 to January 6th, 2013

Monday, December 31st

The 7th Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord / Saint Sylvester I - Pope

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2,11-13; Jn 1:1-18 (*white*)

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 am to Noon

5:00 pm: Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Liturgy

Mass Intention: Msgr O'Connell

Tuesday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)

Readings: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 (*white*)

9:00 am: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Liturgy

Mass Intention: OLBH Community

Parish Office Hours: CLOSED

Wednesday, January 2nd

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen – Bishops, Doctors of the Church

Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28 (*white*)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention:

8:30 am – 8:30 pm: Adoration

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

7:00 pm: Reconciliation

Thursday, January 3rd

Christmas Weekday - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Readings: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1-3,6; Jn 1:29-34 *(white)*

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention:

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, January 4th

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton – Religious

Readings: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1,7-9; Jn 1:35-42 (*white*)

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: OLBH Volunteer Appreciation Party

Saturday Morning, January 5th

Saint John Neumann - Bishop

Readings: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 1:43-51 (*white*)

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

3:30 pm: Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, January 5th

The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3a5-6; Mt 2:1-12 *(white)*

5:00 pm: Liturgy

Mass Intention: Masses for Life

Sunday, January 6th

The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12 *(white)*

9:00 am: Liturgy

Mass Intention:

10:00 am: Coffee & Rolls

10:15 am – 2:30pm: First Reconciliation Retreat

6:00 pm: Liturgy

Mass Intention: OLBH Community

Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage & Religious Liberty

The U.S. Bishops have approved a pastoral strategy to advance a Movement for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty. It is essentially a **call to prayer, penance, and sacrifice** for the sake of renewing a culture of life, marriage, and religious liberty in our country. More information on this national **Call to Prayer** can be found at www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty

Weekly Ministry Schedule

January 5th & 6th

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Sally Graham		
Altar Servers	Kimberly Schacher Taygen Johns Daylen Rhodes	Rachel Varilek Savannah Inman Garrett Varilek	Curt Mahaffy Adam Jerzak Corben Mahaffy
Precious Body **Precious Blood**	John Osnes Joni Osnes Bernadette Usera John Usera Loretta Wiehl	John Osnes Dean Antonsen Mary Antonsen Diane Clarke Jean Schubauer	John Osnes Sharon Long Lorinda Collings Brad Blauvelt Mary Blauvelt
Lectors	Steve Colgan Sue Colgan	Laura Varilek Mary Coffin	Chad Thies Pascal Bedard
Sacristans	Patty Cresalia	Frank Boner Donna Boner	Matthew Blauvelt Brad Blauvelt Mary Blauvelt
Greeters	Ken Freeman Pam Freeman	Billie Inman Mike Keller	Curt Lauinger Aaron Thies

*Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

Joe Creek
Ray Walz
Liette Herbert
Regena Thrall
Jean Schacher
Susan Stokes
Larry Warmers (father of Bridgette Fode**)**
Les & Matt Bedney (parents of Marie Pothoff)
John Kraft

Repose of the Soul

Trista Meyer, Shyann Lenz, & Matt Ahrens (family of Colleen Short)
Brittany Posey (daughter of Brian & Kim Maschino)
Linda Schmidt
Kevin Casey
Mary Kay Young

**Names will remain on our list for one month. Please contact the parish office to request continued prayers*

The Collection Basket

December 22nd & 23rd, 2012

Loose	$1917.00
Envelopes	2830.00
Votive	2.01
Student	60.05
St. Kateri Statue	5.00
Christmas Flowers	170.00
Priest Retirement (Local)	275.00
Religious Retirement Fund	25.00
Christmas Offering	20.00
Adopt a Seminarian	200.00
Mass Intentions	180.00
Rectory	10.00
Total	$5694.06

Rapid City Diocese News

Faith and Family Potluck Dinner

Join us for a Faith and Family Potluck Dinner on **Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. We will have Mass at 5:30 p.m. with Fr. Kevin Achbach, followed by a potluck dinner.** Please bring a dish to share. Drinks, plates, cups, and utensils will be provided. We will have an opportunity to **meet and visit with some of the diocesan seminarians,** and time for prayer and fellowship. For more information contact Susan Safford (ssafford@diorc.org) or Bridget Decker (bdecker@diorc.org), 716-5214.

Catholics Returning Home

Have you been away from the Church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? Do you know someone who wants to return to the church? If so, there is a special ministry for people who have been away from the Church. The six-week "Catholics Returning Home" series begins at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at Blessed Sacrament, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City.** For more information, contact Greg Sass at greg.sass@olbh.org or 605-939-0579, or visit http://ReturningCatholics.net. There is no charge and pre-registration is not required.

Pastoral Ministers Retreat

The Third Annual Pastoral Ministers' Retreat will take place Friday-Saturday, Jan. 11-12 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. For all who serve the Church in religious education, formation, youth ministry, and evangelization- join us for time away for prayer and fellowship with other servants of the Lord. We will begin with Mass and dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, and end with dinner around 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14. All priests and pastoral ministers are welcome - please join us! For more information contact Susan Safford (ssafford@diorc.org) or Bridget Decker (bdecker@diorc.org), 716-5214. To register, contact Reeny Wilson at mwilson@diorc.org or 716-0925.

Year of Faith

The Year of Faith presentations in the Diocese of Rapid City will resume on January 6th in Philip **with Father Steve Biegler.** The topic is **"Jesus, the True Reason for My Life" – Jesus Christ and Eschatology.** The presentations continue **January 16th in Rapid City** and January 20th in Spearfish. **Those attending the January sessions are asked to bring a Bible with them.**

Bereavement Support Group

Heal Your Grief **Bereavement Support Group** is an eight-week non-denominational group open to all Christian adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The support group begins at **7:00 p.m., Monday, January 28, 2013,** at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register, call Janece Rieman, 605-343-5547 or Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-716-5214 x 236.

Contemplative Prayer: The Pathway to a Deeper Relationship with the Lord

Come away and rest in God during **Lent** with Bishop Gruss – **March 1-2, 2013**. Find out more on-line at http://terrasancta.org or call the retreat center at 605-716-0925. Space is limited.

Married Sweethearts

Mark your calendars! **Married Sweethearts Mass & Dinner-Dance, Saturday, February 9, 2013**. Join us for this year's event, ***"Faith Working through Love"***. Mass will be celebrated with Fr. Brian Lane at 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. The dinner-dance will be held at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center, Rapid City following Mass. Registration fee: $60 per couple. Registration is required! Registration deadline: **Friday, February 1, 2013**. Late registrations will not be accepted. Please consider sponsoring a couple who would like to attend, but cannot afford the fee. For more information, please contact Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-716-5214 x 236 or jslegner@diorc.org.

Separated, Divorced, Widowed Support Group

Beginning Experience® Level 1 Separated, Divorced & Widowed Support Group, *"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE".* Are you recently separated, divorced or widowed? Are you struggling with the pain and loneliness? Healing can begin with the next the nine-week session of the support group. The group starts at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2013** at St. Therese the Little Flower Church, 532 Adams St., Rapid City. The non-denominational group is open to all Christian men and women who are hurting following a separation, divorce, or the death of a spouse. Registration fee: $30.00; need-based scholarships available. Pre-registration is requested! For more information and to pre-register, contact Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-716-5214 x 236 or jslegner@diorc.org.

Christian Family Planning

The next **Christian Family Planning Seminar** will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on **Saturday, January 19, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at Holy Cross, Timber Lake.** ***This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City.*** Married couples or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information or to register, contact Kathy at 716-5214 x 220, kcordes@diorc.org or Jill at 716-5214 x 236, jslegner@diorc.org.

Vocation Weekend for Young Women

Interested in finding the love of your life? God has a plan and a vocation – a love – in mind for you. Join us Jan. 25-27 for a Vocation Weekend for Young Women at Terra Sancta Retreat Center in Rapid City. For young women ages 16-30. Sisters from the community of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara will be joining us. This weekend will be a great opportunity to spend time with consecrated women and priests and learn more about discernment and vocations. Retreat begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25 and ends after lunch on Sunday, Jan. 27. Cost is $15. Deadline to register is Friday, Jan. 18. Contact Bridget Decker, Coordinator of Vocations, Diocese of Rapid City, at 605-716-5214, or bdecker@diorc.org for more information. Registration forms will be available at www.Gods-call.org in January.

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Retreat February 21-24, 2013 (Thursday – Sunday.) This **silent retreat** is for everyone – men, women and couples. Choose between monastic style lodging or family style lodging (all will be single occupancy unless attending as a couple and planning to share a room). Meet Jesus again and on a deeper level during this weekend retreat based on the themes of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This silent retreat will offer conference sessions followed by a guided meditation that will lead the retreatant into a deepening knowledge of, affection for, and a desire to follow Jesus more faithfully. Retreat directed by Sr. Marie Schwan, CSJ. More information and registration form available on-line – http://terrasancta.org/category/retreats/ or call 605-716-0925.

"And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us."

~ 1 John 3:23

For the Ride Home

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- When he prays, he is heard (Sirach 3:5b)
- Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Psalm 128:2)
- Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, … Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Collossians 3:12,13a,16a)
- not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. (Luke 2:45)

Reflection

- What is your heart's desire?
- What gets you out of bed in the morning?
- Who are your friends and companions that you are most comfortable with?
- What books do your read; movies that you watch; sports or music that excite you?
- Have you ever had to retrace your steps to find something that was lost? Did you find what you were looking for?

Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.[1] *[1]Attributed to Pedro Arrupe, SJ, from a poster marketed by Company Magazine, Society of Jesus. Ted Bergh, © ParishVision Llc 2012 ------ Visit ParishVision.org.*

Diocesan Social Justice Commission

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

"Only if people change will the world change; and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God, the light which so unexpectedly [on the night of Christmas] entered into our night."

Pope Benedict VXI, Homily at Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2008.
www.usccb.org
(From: Diocesan Social Justice Commission www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/SocialJustice.htm)

Job opening – Assistant Maintenance/Custodian at Cathedral OLPH

The Cathedral has an opening for an Assistant Maintenance/Custodian. Duties to include cleaning of church and rectory, repairs, setting up all activities and events, maintaining grounds, trees, gardens and parking lots. The assistant reports to the Maintenance Director. Position is full time. Experience is desirable. Organizational and motivational skills are required. Competitive salary and benefits package are available. Contact Beth Strain at the rectory office at 605-342-0507, beth@cathedralolph.org, for an application and job description. Completed application and resume should be sent to:

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